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Idaho Energy Division Specialist Recognized by Department of Energy

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Idaho's wind is no secret. Just ask Gerry Galinato, a principal energy specialist with the Energy Division. Recently, he received an award from the Wind Powering America Program for leading of the most outstanding wind power working group in the nation.

The award was presented in mid-May to Galinato in Denver during the Wind Powering America Annual State Summit, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. It is one of several awards that have been given to Galinato, who has spearheaded the Idaho Wind Power Working Group and an earlier add-hoc steering committee for the past five years.

The Idaho Wind Power Working Group was established in 2002. Its members include representatives from federal, state and local governments, utility companies, renewable energy advocates, wind power industry, and environmental organizations.

The new Outstanding State Wind Working Group award was presented to Galinato "In recognition of developing and engaging a multi-stakeholder effort for effective outreach to Idaho's agriculture, utility, and Native American sectors."

In October 2001 he was recognized for "Outstanding leadership in promoting the establishment of Wind Energy technologies in the State of Idaho" also by the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Galinato has been with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for 31 years; eight with water resource development programs and 23 years with energy conservation and renewable resource development programs.

He is a registered professional engineer, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Idaho.

Gerry, along with a staff of nine employees, has championed agricultural energy efficiency and the development and use of alternative fuels and renewable energy resources. He has held several technical and management positions with the division.

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